

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Title

The title has been objected to as not being descriptive. In response, a new title, which is more clearly indicative of the claimed invention, is presented herein for the Examiner's consideration and approval.

Drawings

The Examiner has required clarification regarding whether Figure 1 depicts prior art or an embodiment of the invention. The present invention is an adaptation of a conventional or known developing device, which is shown in Figure 1. The specification has been amended at paragraphs [0003], [0025], [0040], and [0041] to more clearly describe the relationship of the invention relative to the developing device of Figure 1. Figure 1 is not prior art *per se* to the claimed invention. Accordingly, the Examiner is kindly requested to withdraw the requirement to label Figure 1 --PRIOR ART--.

Specification

The specification and Abstract are objected to because of the presence of informalities. The specification and Abstract have been amended to attend to any informalities, including those kindly identified by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims Status

Claims 1 through 13 remain pending in the application. Claims 1 through 5, 7, and 9 through 12 have been amended to even more succinctly define the invention and/or to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. Claims 1 and 9 are the only independent claims pending in the application.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 9 are objected to for the reasons set forth in the Official Action. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended *inter alia* to address the grounds of the objections. It is respectfully submitted that the objections have been overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter

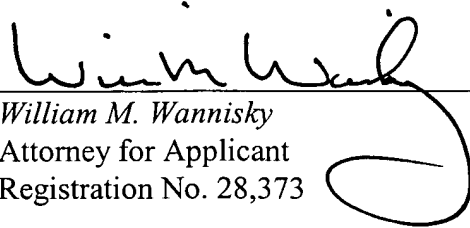
It is acknowledged with appreciation that Claims 1 through 13 are allowable over the art of record.

Closing Comments

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are allowable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address shown below.

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